

ORDINANCE 2022-05

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ADDING CHAPTER III SECTION 16 ADOPTING STANDARDS FOR SECURITY CAMERAS

WHEREAS in the interests of reducing crime, maintaining public safety and provide an enhanced quality of life for the residents and business owners of Chatham Township; and

WHEREAS, to maintain and promote public safety, the Township of Chatham, has determined that security video cameras monitoring areas open to the public would assist law enforcement in recognizing and monitoring threats, and investigating criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, security video camera systems are routinely implemented in new construction as the systems help protect people and personal property and assist and aid law enforcement to solve and prevent crime.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Chatham to add the following sections to Chapter III of the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Chatham:

Section 3-16 Standards for Security Cameras

Section 3-16.1. Application

- a. All newly constructed residential dwelling units, including but not limited to condominium complexes, of more than eight (8) dwelling units and all newly constructed commercial and industrial structures of more than ten thousand (10,000) square feet shall provide for the installation and maintenance of security cameras in accordance with a plan to be approved by the Construction Code Official with a review by the Chief or Police or his duly appointed representative.
- b. Any such security cameras shall be installed so as to maintain continuous surveillance of the public streets, parking lots and sidewalks adjacent to such dwelling units and shall conform to standards adopted by the Township for CCTV camera security systems.
- c. Recordings from the surveillance cameras required by this Article shall be maintained for not less than 30 days and shall be made available to the Chatham Township Police Department in the event the recordings are needed for an investigation.
- d. It shall be the responsibility of the owner to install, maintain, and operate the security video system. However, it shall be within the sole discretion of the owner to determine whether personnel shall be assigned to monitor the cameras in real time.

Section 3-16.2 Violations and Penalties

An owner or managing agent who fails to comply with the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction be punishable as provided in Chapter 1., General Provisions § 1-5.1 to 1-5.6. of the Code of Chatham Township.

Section 3-16.3 Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.

Introduced: March 8, 2022

Adopted: March 22, 2022

Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF CHATHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BY: _____
Ashley Felice, Mayor

Gregory J. LaConte, Clerk